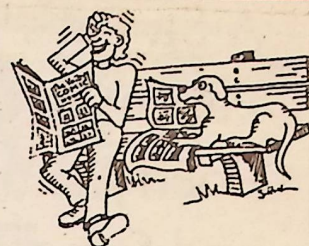


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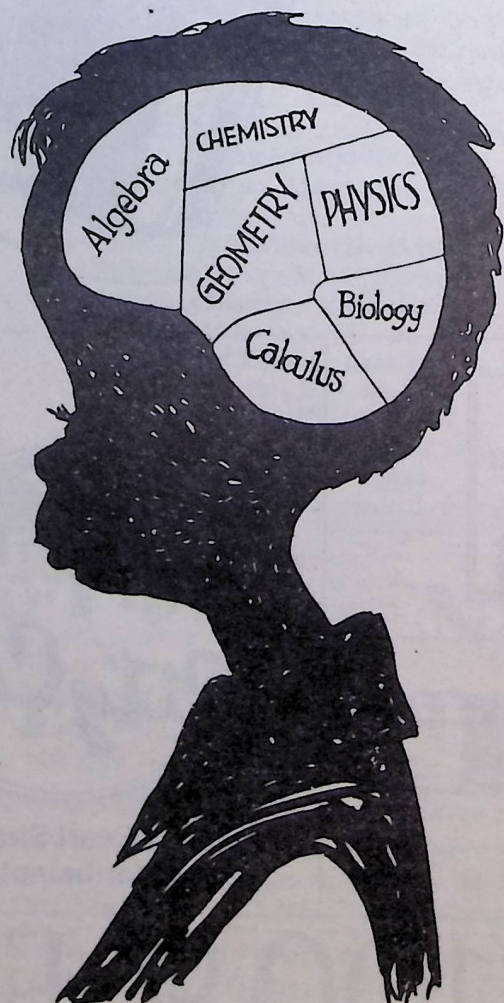


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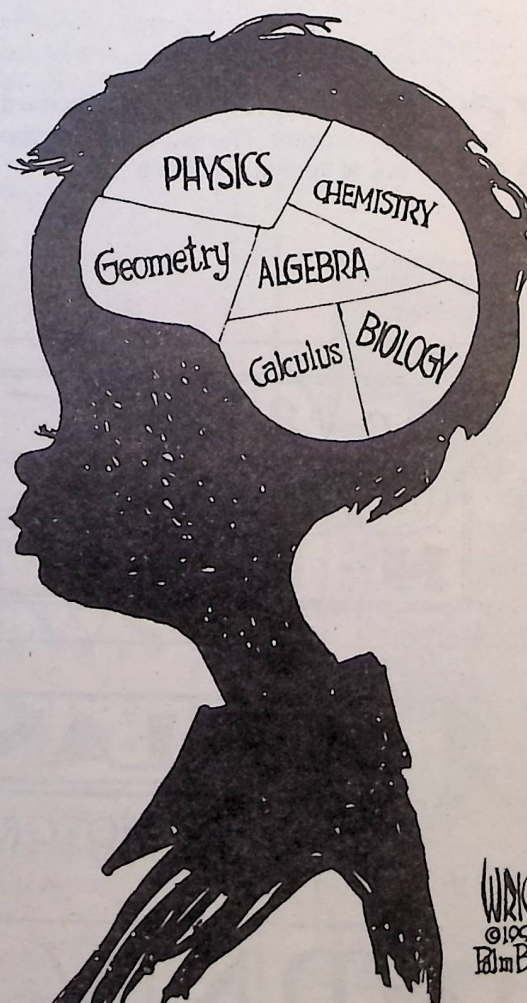
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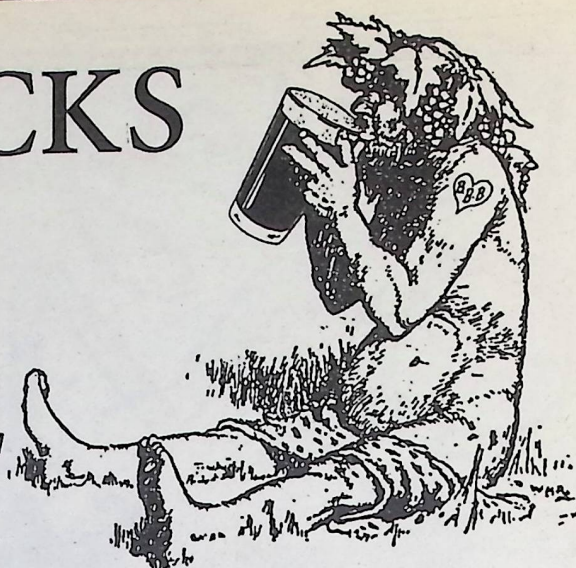
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by Mike Chrisman

Several months ago I buy a seventy-dollar pair of shoes for thirty bucks. You'd expect this is from some sleazoid discount dive, right? Wrong-o. This is a flash department store — the flashest in Great Town. And these are crisp footwear, understand — kinda cordovan, kinda narrow-toed, with thin round laces that drape across the instep like silk. Just looking at my feet, you *know* my other car's a BMW.

Then one morning this week I'm tying them on before I go to work, and a shoelace breaks. Uh-oh. I have a critically important meeting in the afternoon, and do *not* want to be perceived as the guy who has granny knots in his shoelaces. So I paw through my collection in the shoelace-battery-paperclip drawer, where I find round, stiff laces, like you put on wingtips; flat, sensible laces, for Oxfords; thick braided ones that went on the expensive hiking shoes I lost in Denver; yellow ones a kilometer long for winter boots; white sneaker laces....

Okay, I figure. No problem: my meeting's not till the afternoon; I'll just hit a shoe store first thing in the morning. So I am at Great Town's flashest department store when it opens, and dash up to shoes. Raising one foot toward a clerk who is still wiping sleep from his eyes I say, "I bought these here, and I need laces — the kind they had when I bought them." The first hint that this won't be a standard retail transaction comes when he squints at me like I just tried to sell him a live octopus, then glances at my uplifted shoe as if clumps of glowing nuclear waste are oozing from its shiny cordovan pores.

"We don't have those," he says, finally.

"But," I sensibly point out, "I *bought* these shoes here; you mean you don't sell laces for them?"

"We do," he answers, relieved. "But they're impossible to get."

I turn on my heel, hoping he has wet his pants in the face of my wordless wrath. Then I spend the next two hours chasing shoelaces across Great Town. I might as well be searching for Sasquatch. What if President Bush had to have a pair of these laces?

I check off two discount department stores, two clothing stores with shoe departments, two *actual* shoe stores, and a cobbler. They all tell me the same thing: "Oh, yes, these are good laces. Very popular. We can't get them."

At last I realize the truth. I own the absolute last pair of these shoelaces in the entire United States. Hot dog, I think; that's probably worth a segment on 20/20. I consider my options: either I can remove my laces and store them in my safe deposit box, or I can sell them to the highest bidder at Christy's.

Fortunately, I'm able to conceal this plan when my afternoon meeting rolls around: I just sink my hands carelessly into the old trouser pockets and nudge them (the trousers) the teeniest fraction lower, till my prize laces disappear, and the people in the meeting perceive me instead as the guy with floppy cuffs. I figure now that I know what I've got, there's no sense taking chances.

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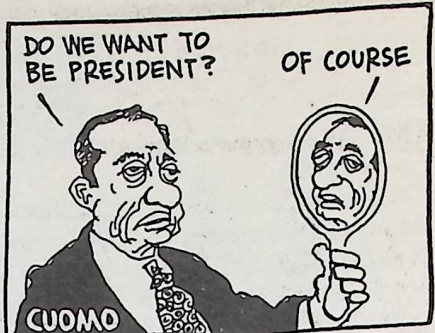
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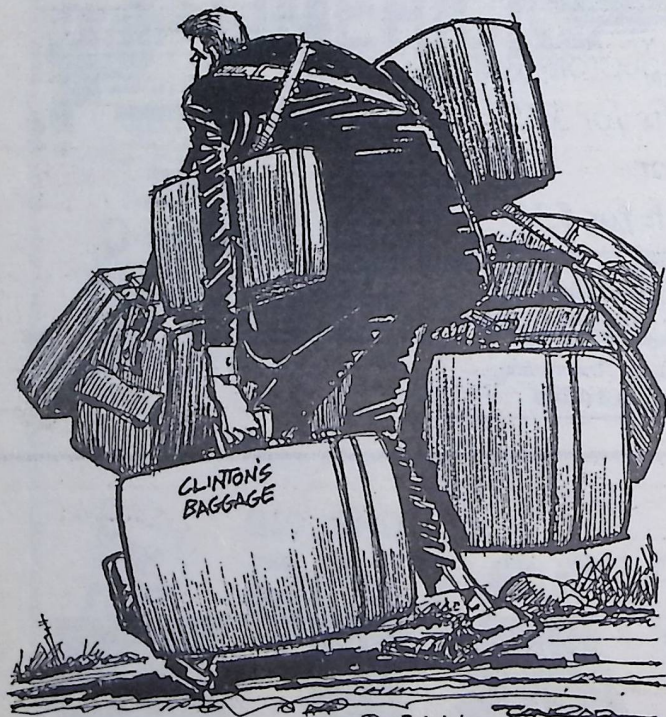
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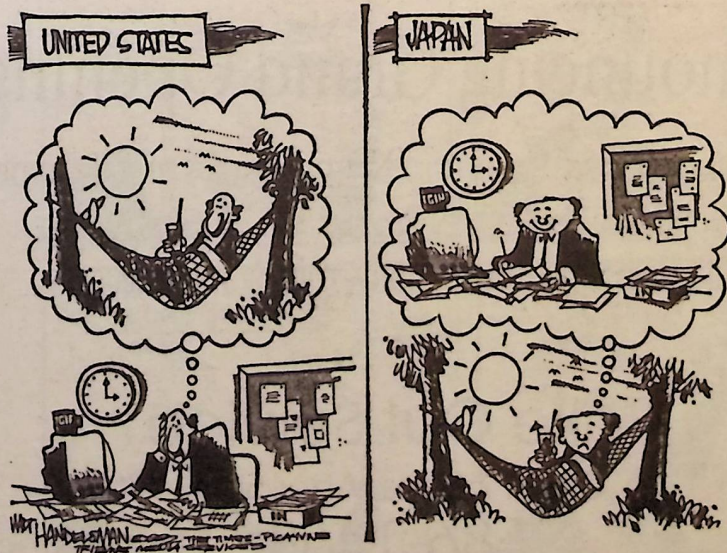
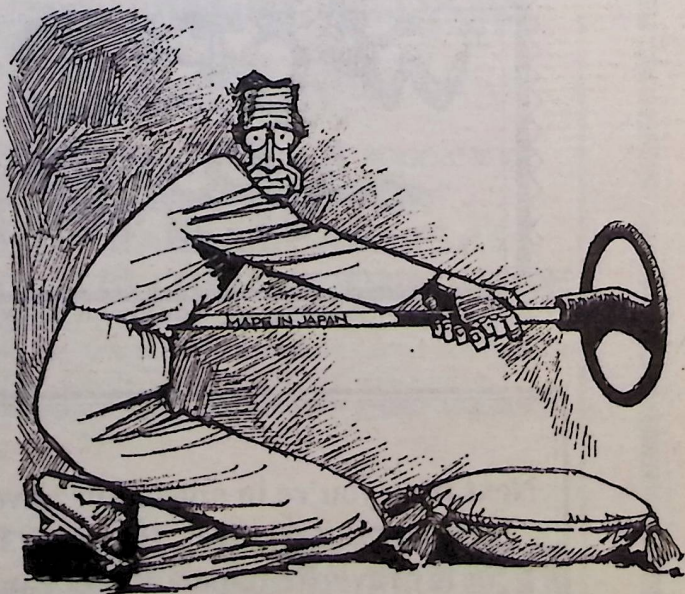
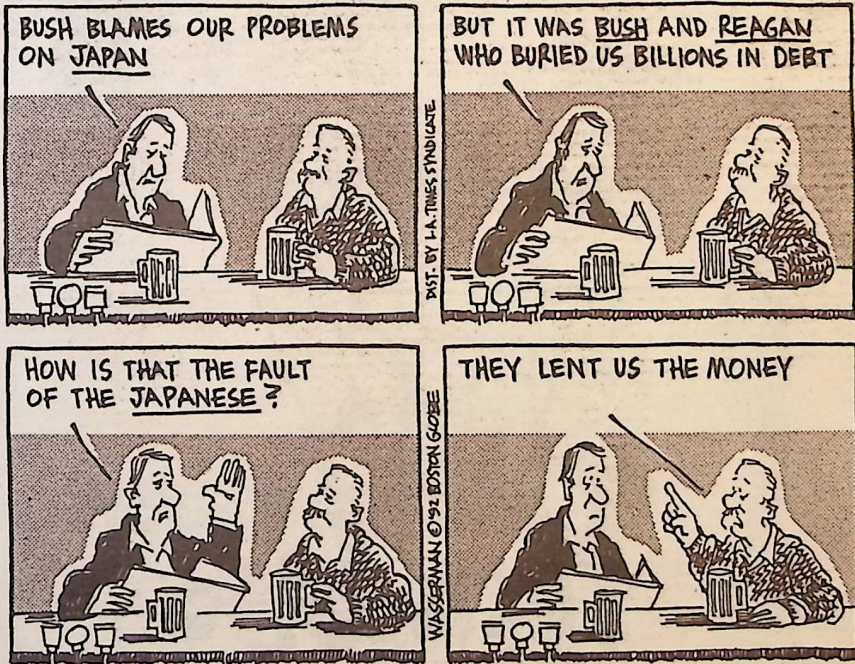
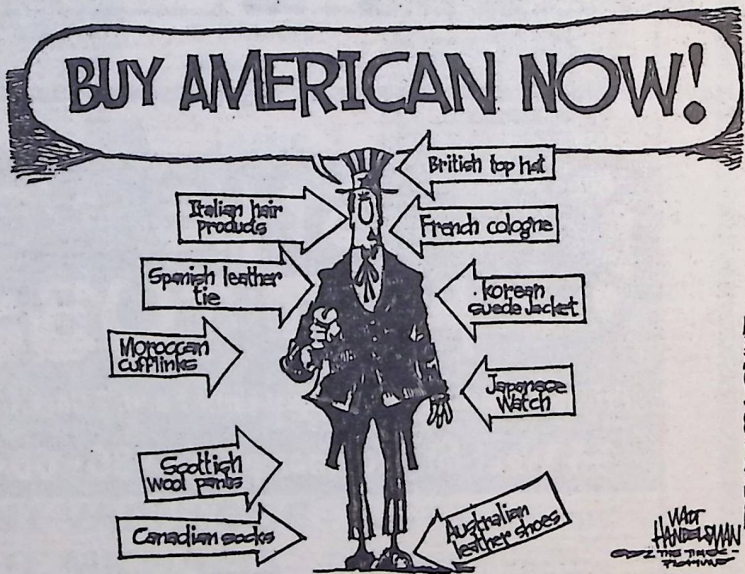
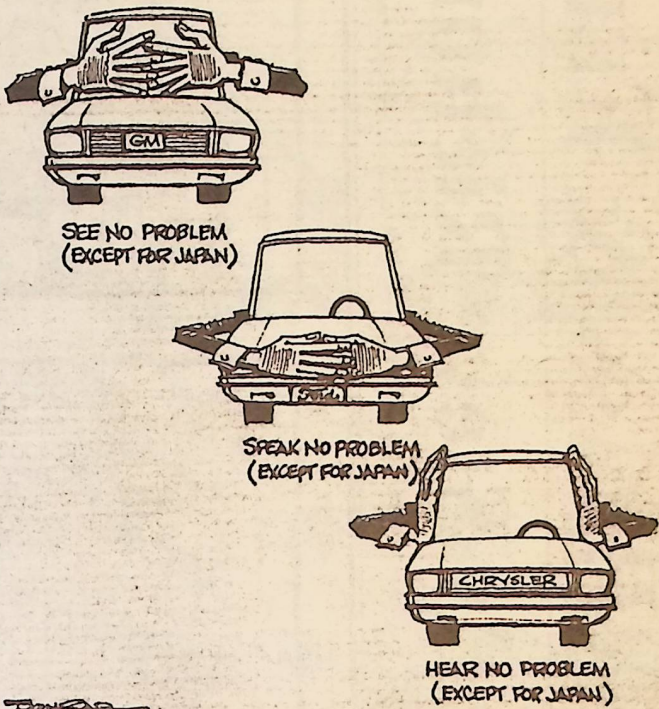
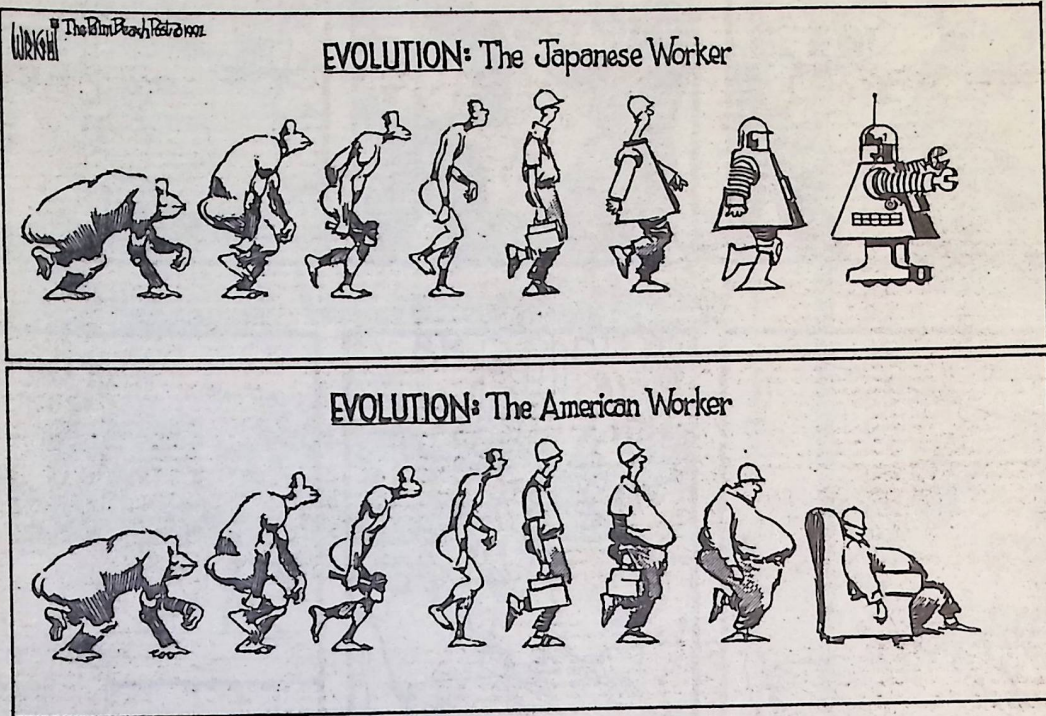


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"I DON'T KNOW ABOUT CLINTON, BUT I PUT ON MY UNIFORM!"

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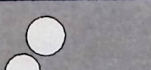
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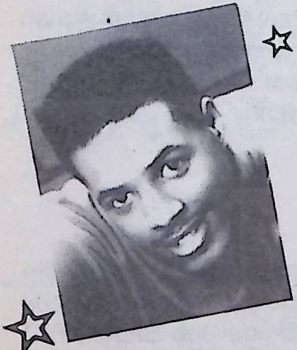
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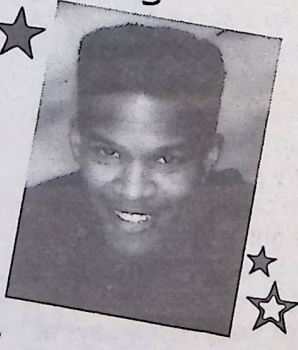
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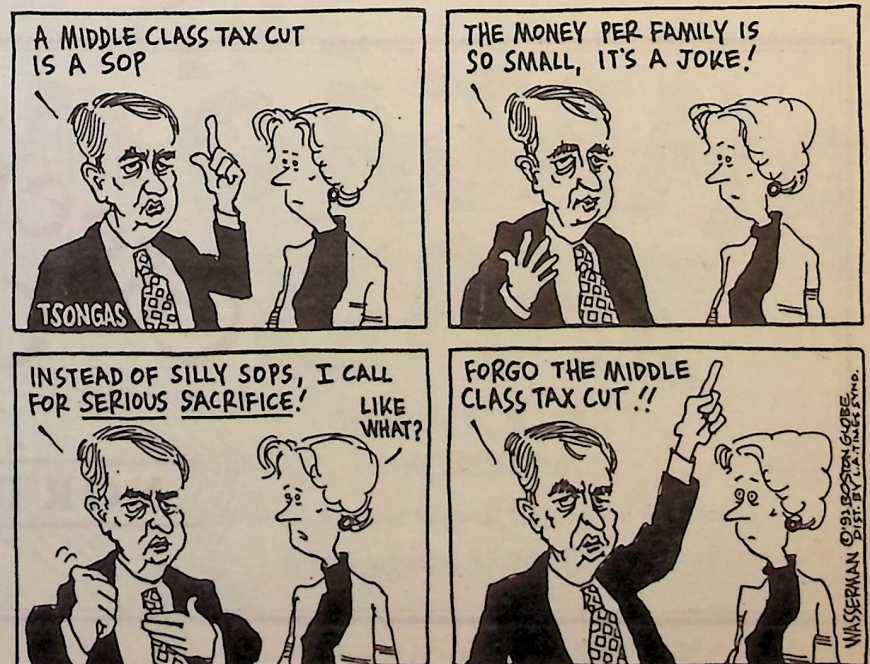
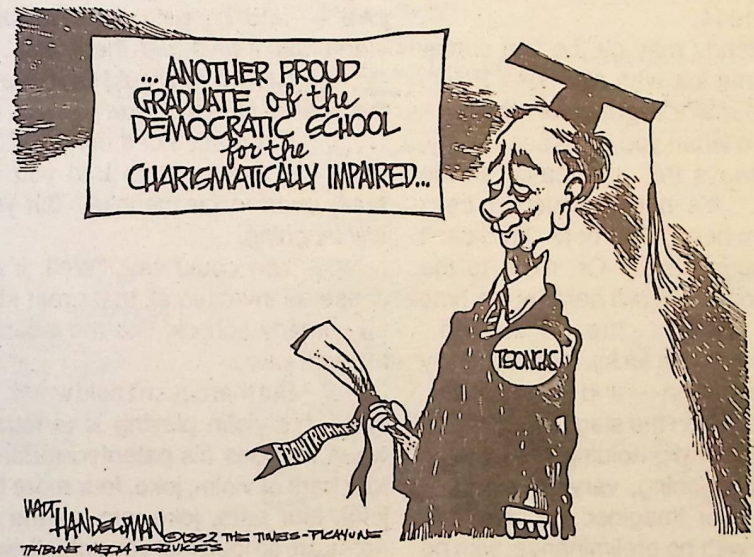
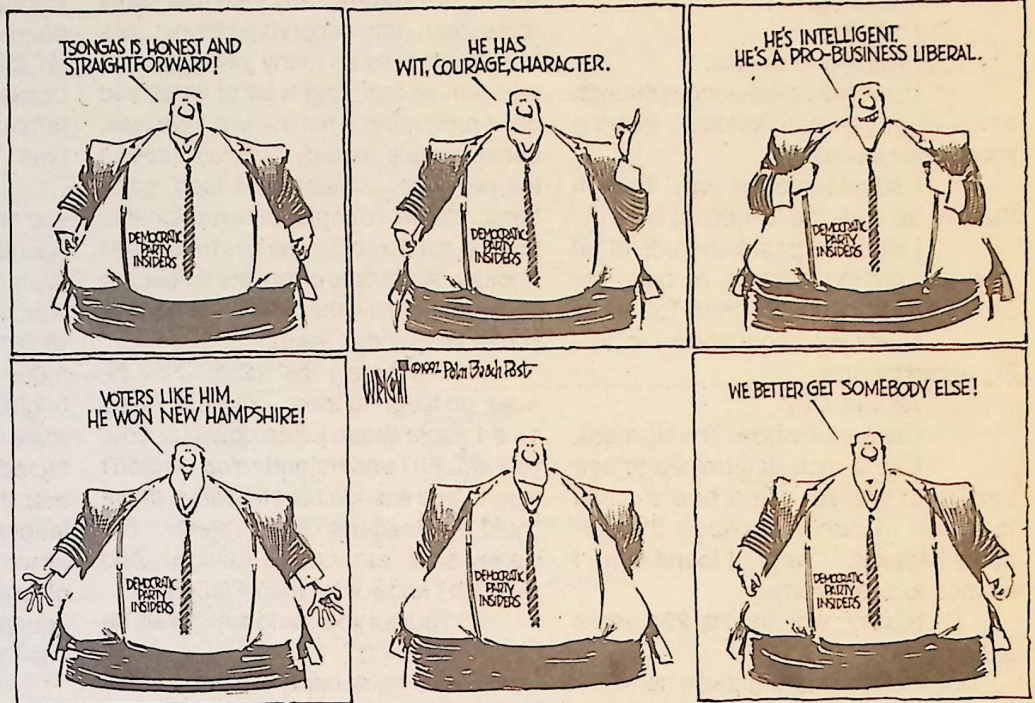
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Last week I went to see Henny Youngman.

That's right.

I admit it.

I *wanted* to do this.

I traveled vast distances through mobs of guys from Scranton wearing lime-green jackets.

I shouldered my way through the \$10.95 surf-and-turf buffet line.

I elbowed past hundreds of fat women carrying buckets of quarters, arriving hourly in buses from Teaneck.

I think you know where I'm talking about by now.

Atlantic City.

Caesar's Palace. The big room.

Like a man determined to see the Great Pyramids before he dies, I had to do this. I didn't care about the personal hazards. I went. I found him. I wanted to see Henny.

Henny, you see, is 294 years old now.

Henny is telling jokes he wrote in 1914.

In fact, Henny is telling jokes somebody *else* wrote in 1864 and *sold* to him in 1914.

Henny may be the last comedian in America who still does Polish jokes as a *major* segment of his act.

So when you go to see Henny, there's always this anticipation in the audience. It's not so much "I can't believe I'm here." It's more like "I can't believe *he* is here." Or, more to the point, "I hope he's still here by the time they raise the curtain."

But I was lucky, because they raised the curtain — and there he was. He comes out on the stage doing a kind of stiff duck-walk, holding his violin in one hand, grinning, very *tall* — taller than you ever imagined he could be. And then, with no preliminaries, with no chit-chat, with no segues at all, he just

starts. He tells one-liners, two-liners, three-liners. In fact, a three-liner is an *eternity* for Henny. Any joke that takes more than ten seconds, Henny gets bored. He tells so many jokes, and he tells 'em so fast, that a lot of times you can't remember what the last joke was, because he's already halfway through the new one. Jokes about food, gamblers, death, people in wheelchairs, priests, nuns, rabbis...he has *thousands* of jokes. And some of 'em are so *bad*, so downright *corny*, that you can't believe you're laughing at them.

But here's the thing: You always *do* laugh at them. You can't help it. If I wrote these jokes down for you, you wouldn't understand. You wouldn't laugh. You wouldn't even believe these could be Reader's Digest rejects. But Henny says 'em, and you laugh. And you *don't know why you're laughing*.

I guess you could say, "Well, he has good timing."

But he *doesn't*. He has *terrible* timing. Sometimes he forgets the joke. When he forgets the joke, he says, "I forgot the joke," and goes on to the next joke — and he gets an even bigger laugh than if he'd *told* the joke.

I guess you could say, "Well, it's the way he tells the joke."

But that's not it either. Sometimes his diction is so bad you can't really even *follow* the joke. But you're *still laughing*.

You could say, "Well, it's because he invented all that great stand-up comedy schtick, like the violin and the wife jokes."

But that doesn't hold water. First of all, his violin playing is terrible, so when he does his patented routine — four bars of violin, joke, four more bars, joke, four bars, joke, etc. — the sour notes are so loud that you actually *wince* while he's playing. And when he intro-

duces the wife jokes, he starts out by saying his wife died six years ago. Even Henny realizes it's hard to make fun of a dead woman. (But, of course, he *has* to do the wife jokes. He invented the ultimate wife joke, which is also the most famous stand-up comedy joke of all time: "Take my wife. Please.")

No, these aren't the reasons you laugh at Henny. But I think I've figured it out. I think I know why it works. Watching Henny Youngman is like watching a copy of the Declaration of Independence that's been Xeroxed 9,000 times. In other words, there's the original Henny Youngman Act, the *ultimate* stand-up comedy act, that he perfected around 1936. Everything since then has been a shorter and shorter, leaner and leaner, version, until finally all we can see is just the vague outlines of what it once was, like one of those Leonardo da Vinci murals that's faded into the wall.

For example, every once in a while, in the middle of his act, Henny will say, "I think people are nuts." The joke he just told is not about people being nuts. The joke he's *about* to tell is not about people being nuts. So why did he say it?

It's obviously the line he built his routine around in 1936. Of course, in one sense, *every* joke is about people being nuts, so he can always throw it in. But he uses it eight or ten times in the evening, so you have to figure it *meant* something at one time.

The other thing Henny says all the time is, "It makes me so happy to be with you this evening." And a lot of comics say that, but Henny says it *over and over*. And so, after a while, after he's said it the fourth or fifth time, you really start to *believe* it. If he wasn't *really* happy to be with you this evening, he wouldn't have to *keep* saying it. He's

saying it for *him*, not for *us*. And then, at the very end of his routine, he sings this little song. It's a corny song about how much he loves the audience, and how the laughter is the only thing he lives for.

When he sings it, you really believe it. Some people even kind of tear up when he does it.

This is why we still laugh. We're laughing because, even if we don't understand the joke, even if he doesn't tell the joke right, even if we don't know what the joke is, we *know* there's a joke there. *Emotionally*, we know.

Consider this. He's been doing this for 60 years, and he still goes down to Atlantic City as the *opening act* for Chita Rivera. Now *that* is a man who loves comedy.

And on the days when he's *not* working, he still goes over to the William Morris Agency in New York and tells jokes to the guys who work in the mail room. That's how he "works out."

Not to get too mystical about this, but it's like Henny has become a Zen comic. He doesn't *need* jokes to *tell* jokes. His whole being has *become* the joke. He's that rarest of humans: a man who is *exactly* what he wants to be.

I love that.

I love Henny.

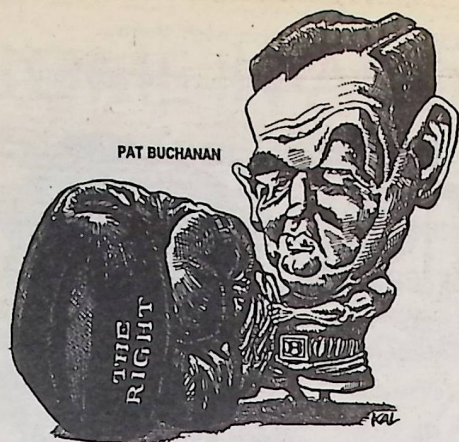
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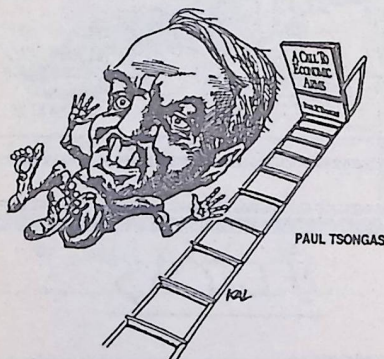
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EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

By Steve Newman

Drought

An extended dry spell has brought an unprecedented water shortage to Kenya's capital city of Nairobi. Three of the five rivers and streams which flow into the city's main Sasumia reservoir have run dry, and officials fear that there is only enough water supply to last three weeks. In southern Africa, continued dry weather worsened the most severe drought in living memory.

Mideast Winter

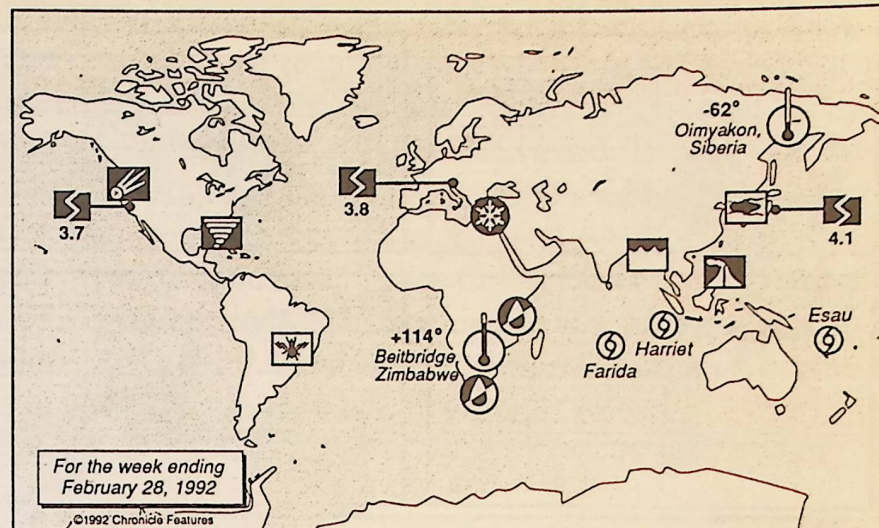
The season's fifth chilling snowstorm to sweep across the eastern Mediterranean brought Athens to a standstill under a thick blanket of snow, and paralyzed parts of Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Israel. In Jordan, snow was reported to be nine feet deep in some areas, and three feet deep in the capital, Amman, from the worst blizzard to hit the country since 1927. Sandstorms and rain kept Egypt's main harbor in Alexandria closed for three consecutive days.

Volcano

Taal Volcano in the Philippines quieted further after several days of violent tremors. Government volcanologists lowered the alert status for the volcanic island, just south of Manila, from level three to level two. The second-stage alert indicates that the scientists believe the mountain may still erupt, but not within the next few weeks as originally expected.

Floods

Torrential rains flooded refugee camps in southeastern Bangladesh where tens of thousands of Muslims had taken shelter after escaping persecution by the Burmese military government. Red Cross officials said the floods forced many of the people to abandon their tents at Teknaf, and move to higher ground.



Bee Attack

A swarm of African bees, provoked by a falling rock that smashed its hive, attacked a group of soccer fans in a small town in southern Brazil, killing one and injuring four. The incident occurred in Valentim Gentil, about 330 miles north of Sao Paulo. Police Chief Ali Hassan Wanssal said that "the bees attacked the people who ran to a bus parked nearby, but a 65-year-old woman didn't run fast enough. Thousands of bees stung her and she died almost immediately."

Tropical Storms

The overhead summer sun shining above tropical waters spawned three cyclones between 12 and 16 degrees south latitude. Cyclone Esau was the only one to affect a land area, with its 50 mile-per-hour winds buffeting some of the northwestern islands of the Vanuatu chain.

Earthquakes

A moderate quake shook northeastern Japan from an epicenter beneath the seabed off Ibaraki prefecture. Earth movements were also felt along the California-Nevada border near Mammoth Lakes, and in the northern mountains of Slovenia.

Fireball

A bright fireball lit up the night sky across parts of Northern California and southern Oregon. The unusually large meteor probably hit the earth's atmosphere at about 40 times the speed of sound, and its sonic booms rattled homes and awakened some sleeping Oregonians.

Winter Twisters

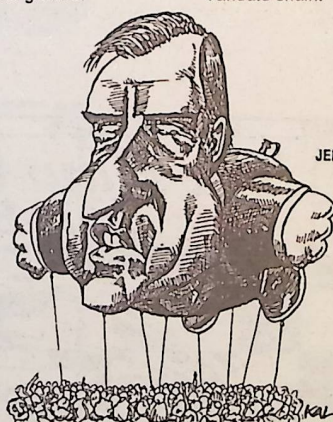
A string of rare wintertime tornadoes damaged roofs and knocked down power lines in central Florida near Lakeland. One of the tornadoes went through a

schoolyard, trapping several students and teachers inside for a few minutes.

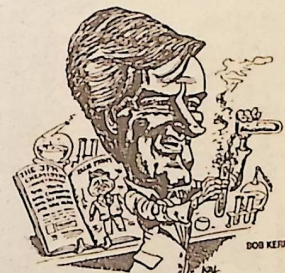
Roach Ranching

Breeding cockroaches may be one of the answers to a search by Japanese authorities to provide a new material to craftsmen whose livelihoods are threatened by an international ban on the trade in tortoise shells. Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry said it is spending \$4 million on research to find a replacement for the shells, which are used to make combs, jewelry, and frames for eyeglasses. Besides the prospect of utilizing roaches, cow horns and crustacean shells are being studied as possible replacement material for the country's 1,500 craftsmen currently working with tortoise shell.

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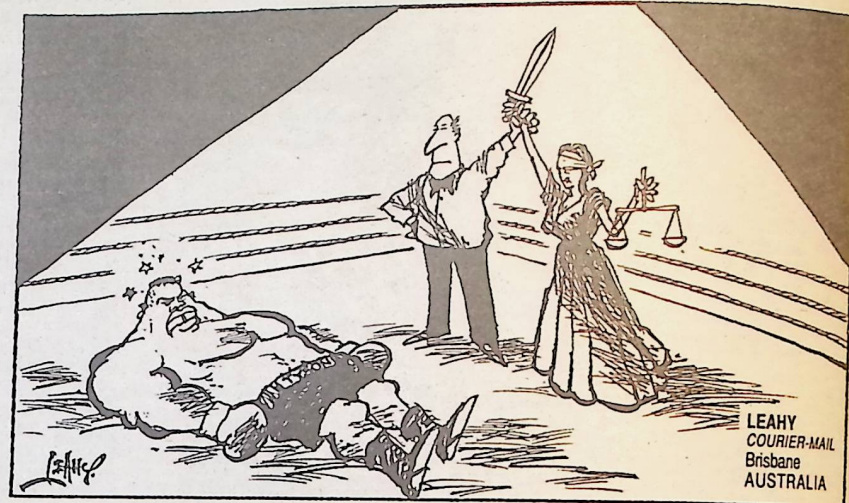
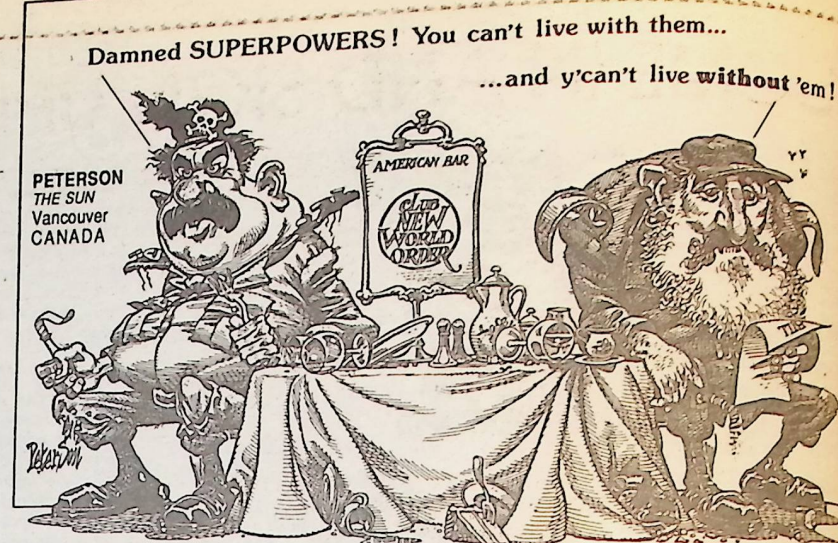
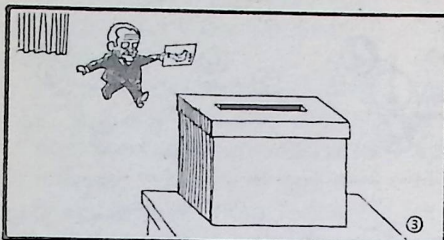
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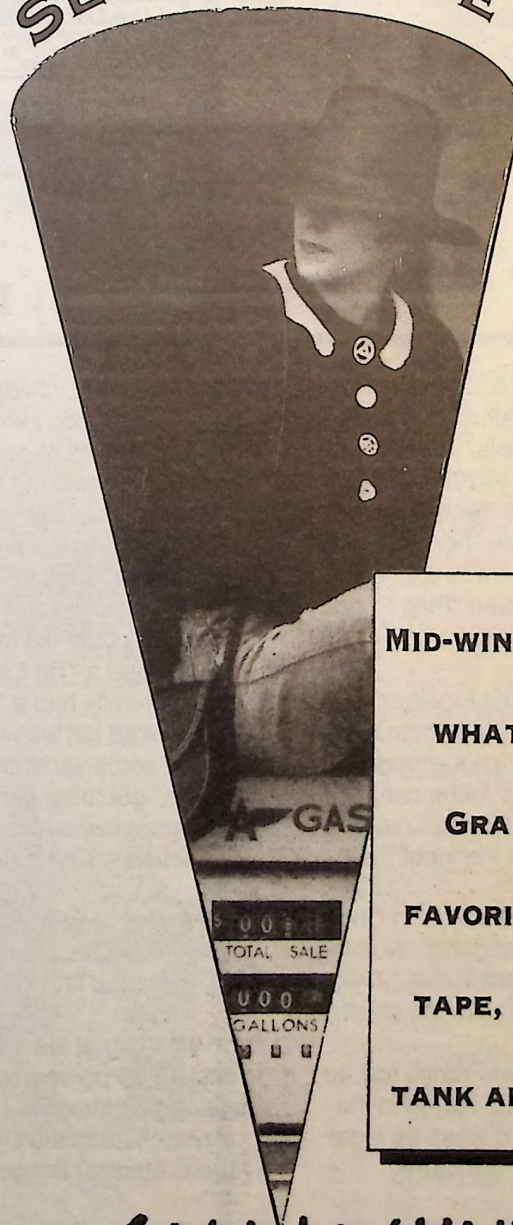
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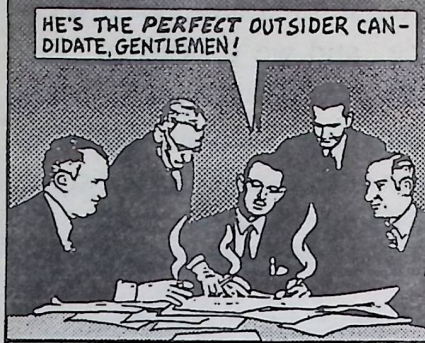
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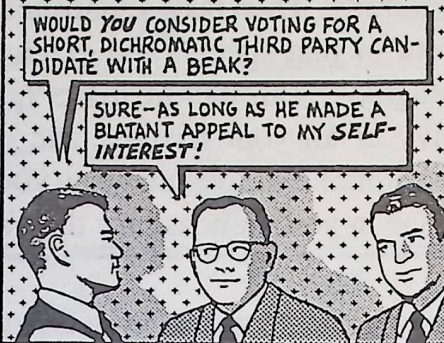
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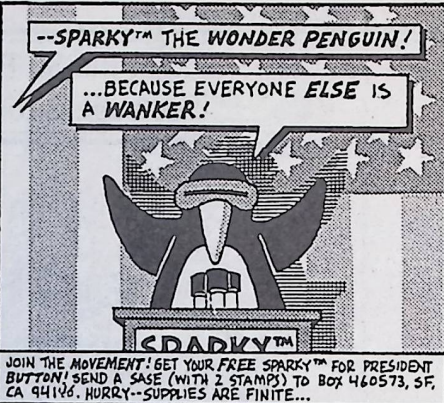
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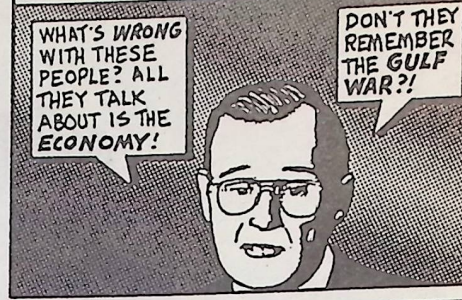
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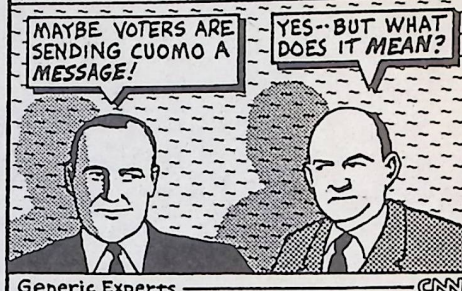
AFTER LOSING 37% OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE VOTE TO A LOUDMOUTHED, ANTI-SEMITIC TV COMMENTATOR, THE PRESIDENT BEGAN TO DIMLY PERCEIVE THAT HE MIGHT HAVE A PROBLEM...



WHAT'S WRONG WITH THESE PEOPLE? ALL THEY TALK ABOUT IS THE ECONOMY!

DON'T THEY REMEMBER THE GULF WAR?!

MANY PUNDITS SEEMED PUZZLED BY THE LACK OF VOTER SUPPORT FOR A DEMOCRAT WHO HAD NEITHER CAMPAIGNED NOR EVEN ANNOUNCED ANY INTENTION OF RUNNING...

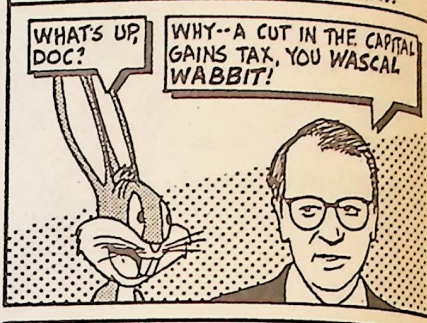


MAYBE VOTERS ARE SENDING CUOMO A MESSAGE!

YES--BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Generic Experts

A MAJORITY OF DEMOCRATIC VOTERS GAVE THEIR BLESSING TO THE MEDIA-APPOINTED FRONT RUNNER, A MAN WITH THE COURAGEOUS VISION OF A MODERATE REPUBLICAN AND THE CHARISMA OF ELMER FUDD...



WHAT'S UP, DOC?

WHY--A CUT IN THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX, YOU WASCAL WABBIT!

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TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT by L.M. Boyd

Q. Weren't tennis shoes the first canvas shoes with rubber soles?
A. "Croquet Sandals," they were called. Came out in 1868 in New Haven, Conn. The "tennis shoes" name jumped up later. For trademark reasons. Difference was a little like the difference between "Ping Pong" and "table tennis."

Farm animals huddle together in a natural defense to protect themselves from windy cold. What's wrong with that is they use the same natural defense in a lightning storm, so one bolt can rip through the lot of them.

Women who tend silkworms in China are not allowed to eat garlic. Nothing obscurely significant in this. The silkworms just don't like the smell.

Medical authorities in France say 40 percent of the skiers injured in the French Alps are hurt when by legal definition they are drunk.

Any spider is all right in a sprint. But a marathon is out of the question. A two-minute run exhausts it.

At a certain age, children know the letter "L," but don't know the right hand from the left. A teacher advises: Tell them to hold out both hands, palms down, thumbs extended. The hand that spells the letter "L" is the left.

Q. Why was the old Model T Ford called a "Tin Lizzie?"
A. Many a family had a "hired girl" and many a hired girl was named Elizabeth. Or some variation. One such, "Lizzie," got to be generic for the errand runner who helped out around the house. "Tin Lizzie" spun off.

If it's a double-yolk egg, it was laid within six weeks after the hen first started laying eggs.

Men who nap at least 30 minutes a day are 30 percent less likely to develop heart trouble. So conclude researchers at the University of Athens Medical School in Greece.

Traffic checkers in New York City say: If you're a pedestrian crossing with the "Walk" light, odds are still fifty-fifty you'll have to dodge a car running a red light.

A good chef, I'm told, always holds the salt and pepper shakers at least a foot above the dish.

If you expect to do a paper on the sensitive, perceptive and courageous nature of women, don't leave out the fact that for decades they've dominated the close-up-and-personal research on gorillas.

In 1906 you could buy a washing machine on time from Sears Roebuck for 11 cents a week.

Q. What's "criminal conversation?"
A. Another legal term for adultery.

If you put a drop of lemon juice on your dog's tongue, it won't hang out while you're taking pet pictures. A photographer told me that.

It was in 319 BC that Socrates said: "Athletics have become professionalized."

Asks a client: "If 'yoga' means 'Union of Oneness,' as reported, what's 'Union of Twoness?'" Our Language man is working on it.

In Jamaica, you're forewarned of speed bumps by signs that read: "Sleeping Policemen Ahead."

If the smiler holds the smile, the smile is probably phony. A genuine spontaneous smile appears suddenly then quickly goes away. That's what the experts contend.

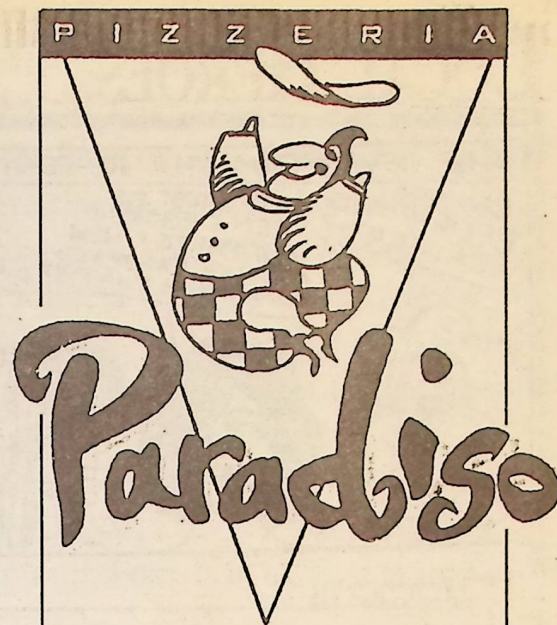
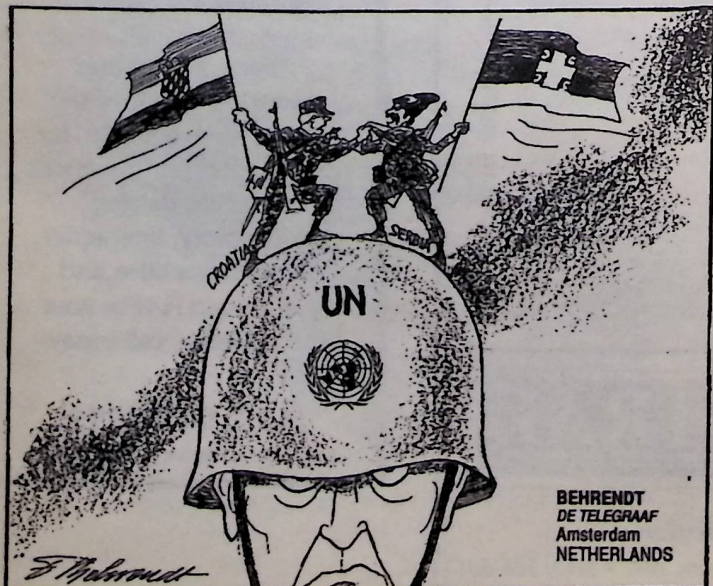
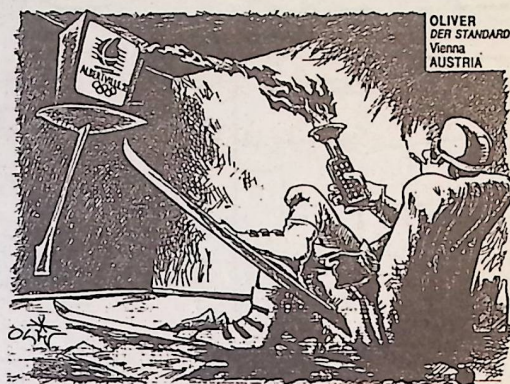
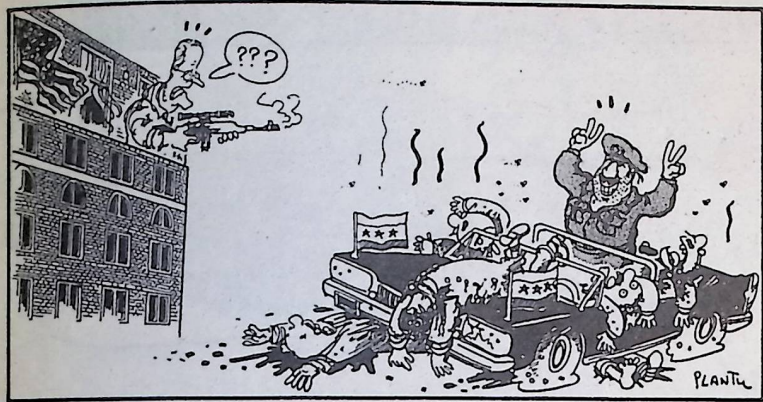
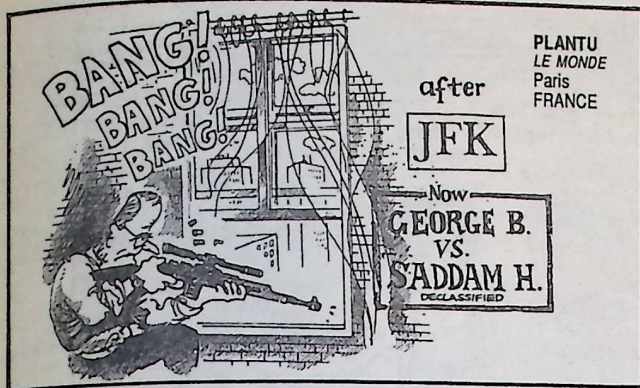
Postage stamps of China are put out with no glue on the back.

The ancient Greeks were pretty smart, but they couldn't justify all they claimed. Such as: Even numbers are feminine and odd masculine.

To hand comes the new scientific description of "laughing." It's "the spasmodic expulsion of breath accompanied by short bursts of inarticulate braying." I'm not going to do it anymore.

Q. You said monkeys don't have fleas. Then what is it they constantly pick out of each other's fur?
A. Salt clusters.

It was Madonna who said, "Listen, everyone is entitled to my opinion."



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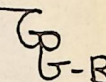
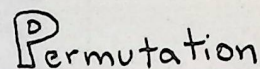
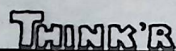
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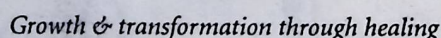
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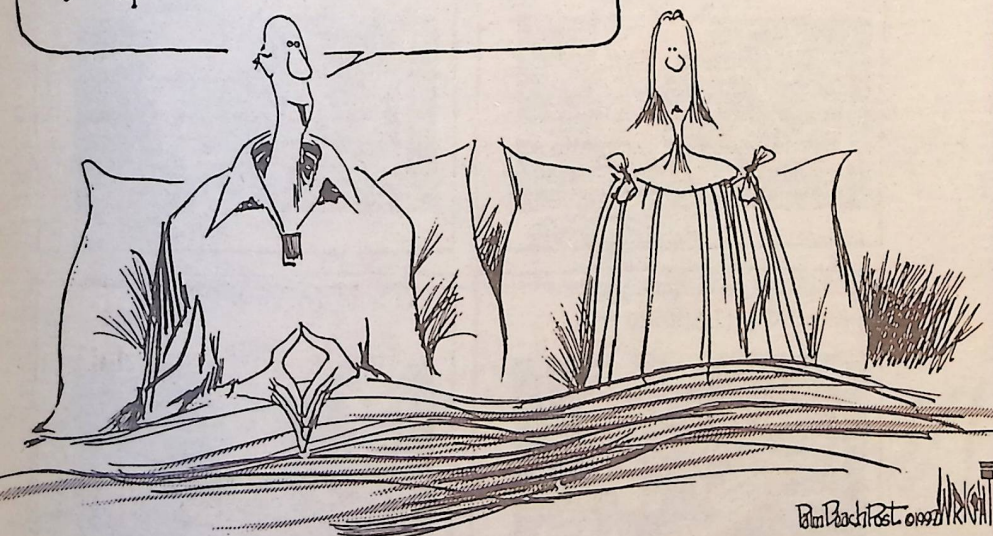
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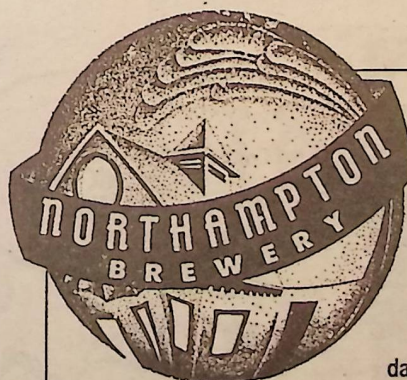


One of the few original comedy shows on non-cable TV is the Fox Network's "In Living Color." Although not without its detractors, the Sunday night half-hour program is by far the most interesting show of its kind on the air. Shawn Wayans and Jaime Foxx, two of "In Living Color" cast members, will headline a stand-up comedy show at Springfield Symphony Hall on Friday, March 13 at 8 PM. They will be joined by eight other comedians, four of whom are local residents and well known to area clubgoers.

Wayans is one of four family members on "In Living Color." He appeared as DJ SW-1 for the past two seasons and is now a featured player. Foxx is in his first season on the show.

Mark Rossi, Barbara Jurgelas, John Kawie and Steve Bulyga are the local comedians. They will be competing against each other for a guest spot on the cable comedy series "Showtime at the Apollo." Each will have several minutes to perform during the evening and, as they do on "Showtime at the Apollo," the audience reaction and applause will determine the winner of the local talent competition.. Rounding out the lineup are: The Great Kris Kringle, Lenny Varnedoe, Kenny Williams and ventriloquist Pete Michaels.

This show is the first of a planned series of four comedy nights at Symphony Hall. The second show, slated for April 2, will star Gallagher, a comedian with one of the most unique acts in comedy. It is unfortunate that the Pioneer Valley, for all its many artistic benefits, is not an outstanding locality for comedians or comedy audiences. Since the Valley hosts no full-time comedy club, the choices are scattered and limited. Symphony Hall is one of the best venues around here for any performing art. It would be wonderful to see it become a regular vehicle for laughter.



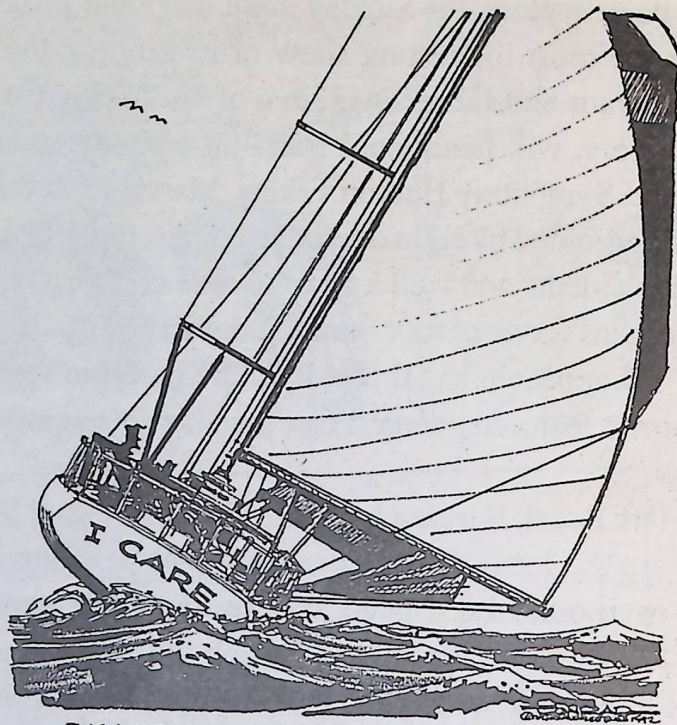
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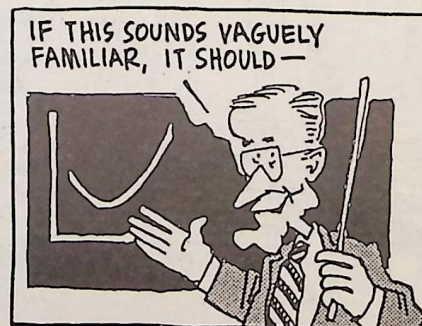
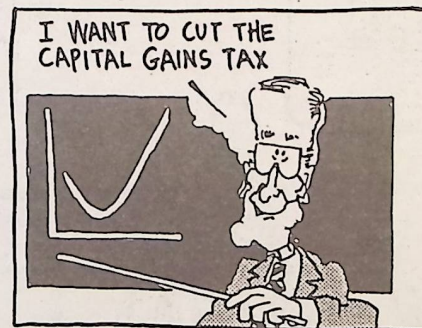
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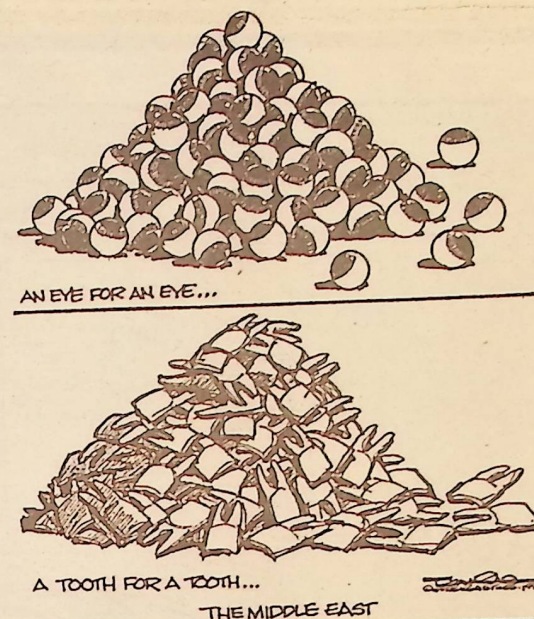
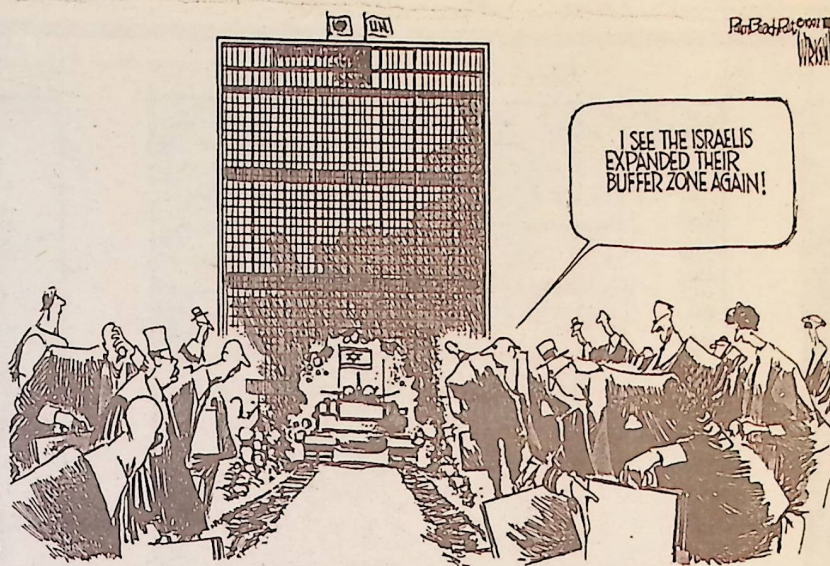
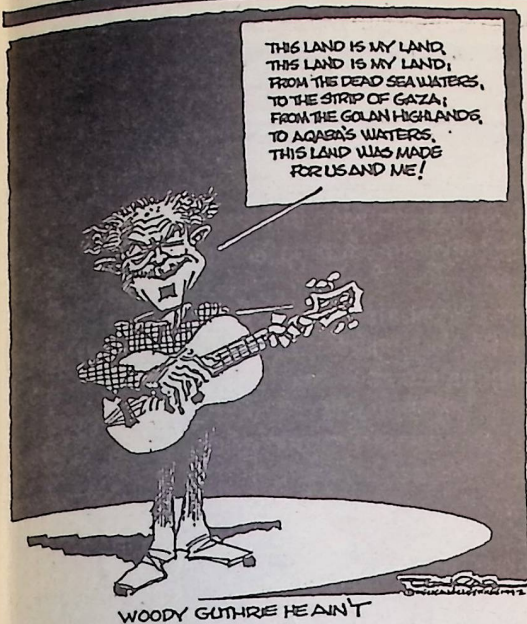
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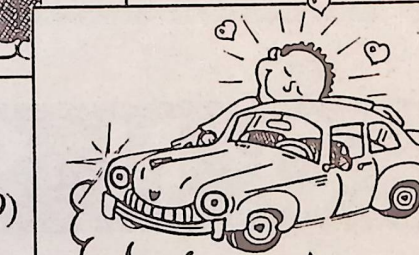


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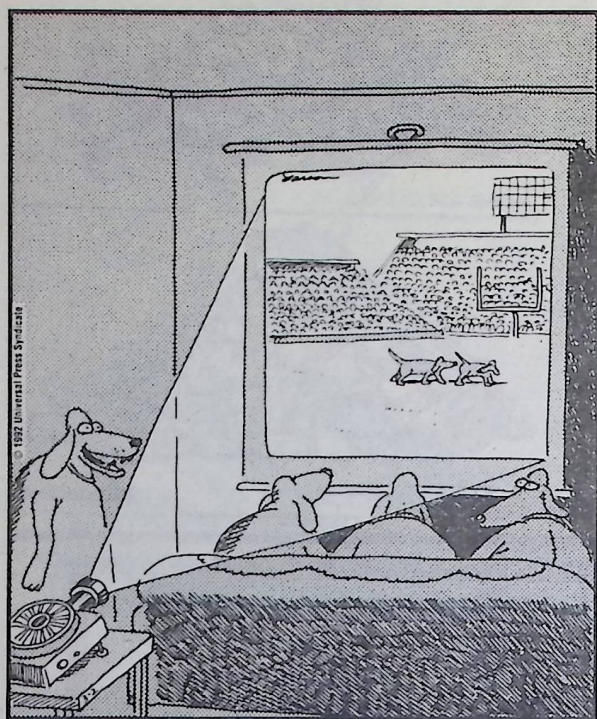
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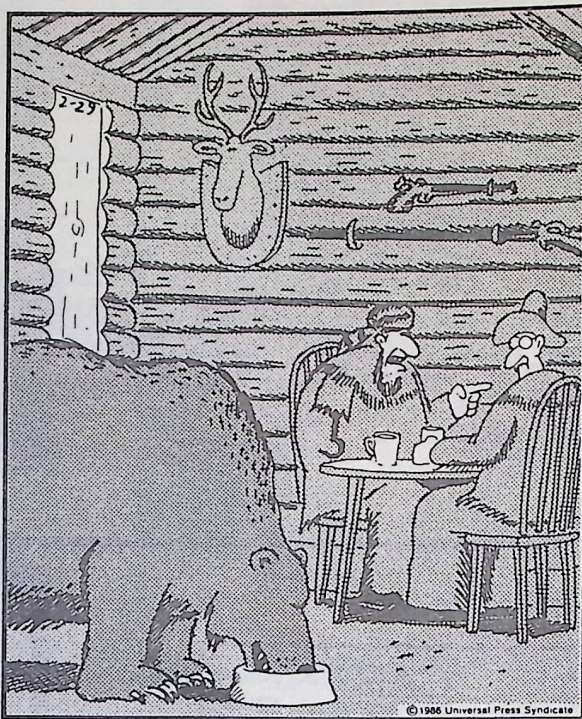
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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Oh, Misty always hates me showing this slide.... It's halftime at the '88 Detroit-Chicago game when we met."



"Raised the ol' girl from a cub, I did.... 'Course, we had to get a few things straight between us. She don't try to follow me into town anymore and I don't try and take her food bowl away 'til she's done."



"Good heavens! Pablo got an 'F' in art!... Well, I'm just going to go down to that school myself and meet this teacher face to face!"



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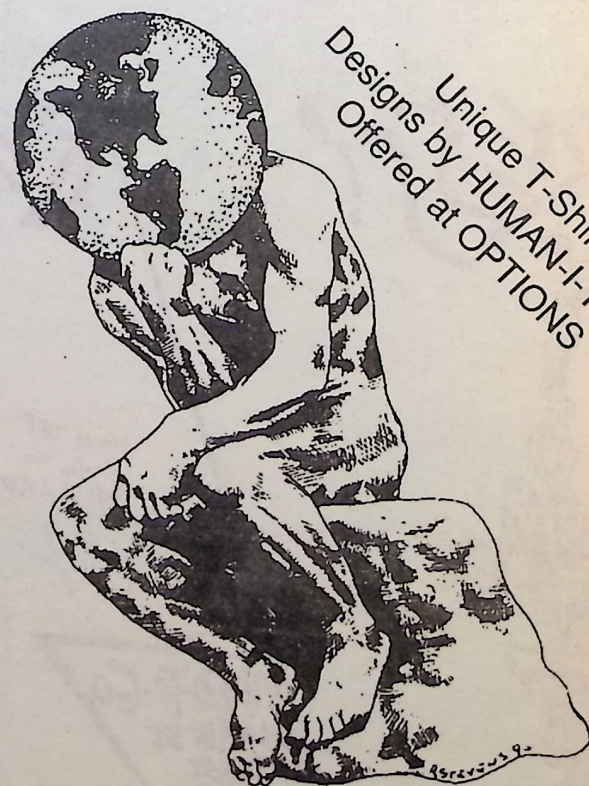
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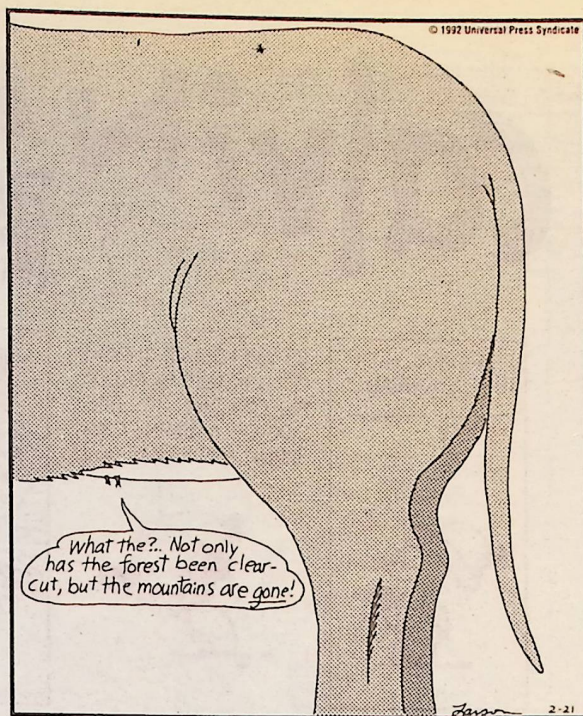
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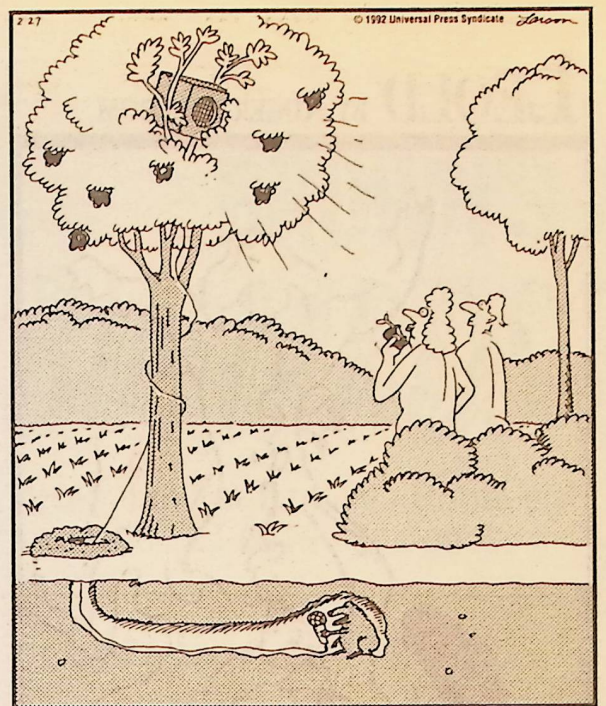




"Hey! C'mon, Jed! ... Ease up on them hammers!"



Environmental disasters in a flea's world



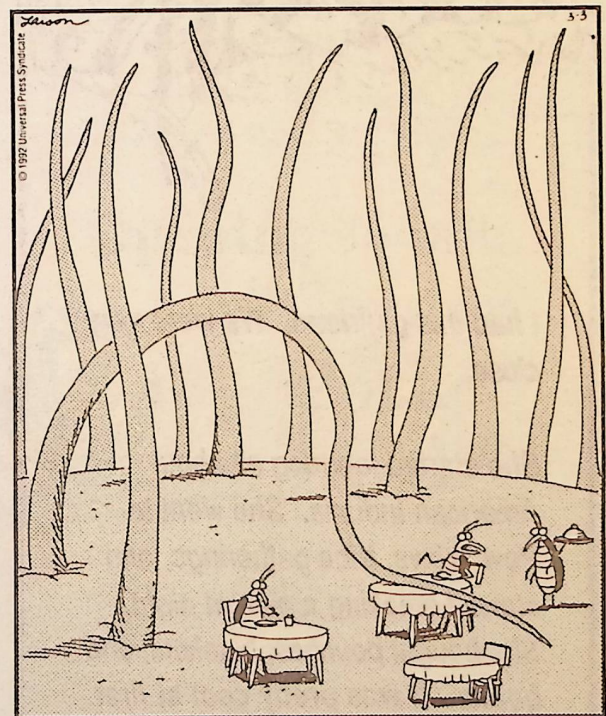
"Eat my apple, will you? LEAVE MY GARDEN! BEGONE! ... And take all the mole traps with you!"



Scorpion school



In an ancient custom of retribution, the ranger Mafia sends Ted to "sleep with the bears."



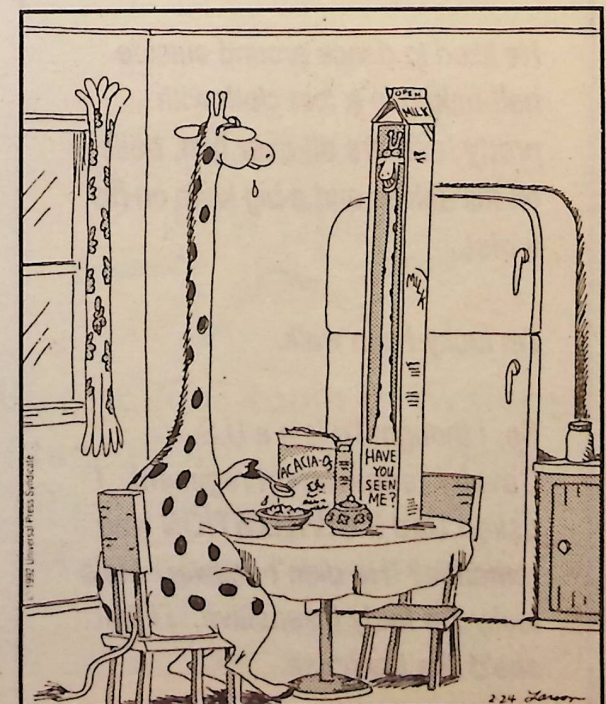
"Waiter, is that a hair in my salad?"



In Saddam Hussein's war room



Centaur rodeos



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LEOLD BY ROGER SALLOOM



I had this girlfriend. We were very close.

She started learning all about American Indians. She went to Pow Wows, tribe gatherings, and started smoking a pipe at night. She bought pouches, blankets, and beads. It was pretty cool at first.

Then she met this Brave.

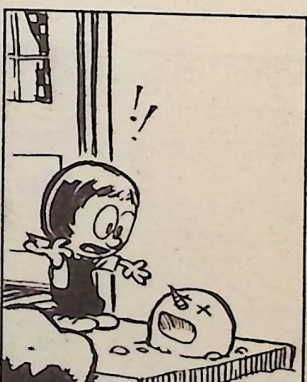
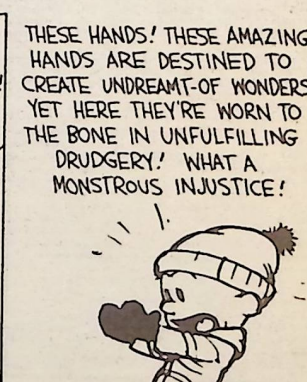
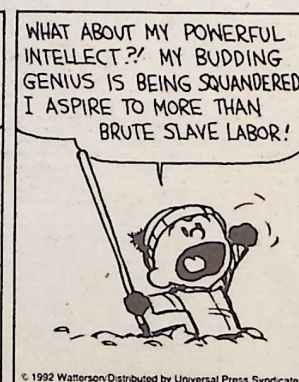
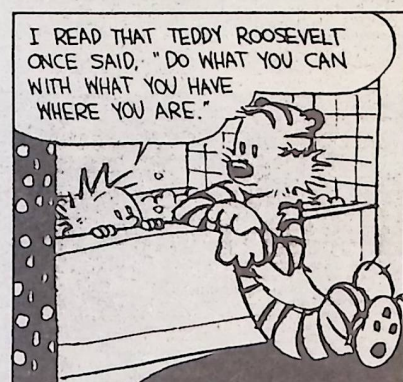
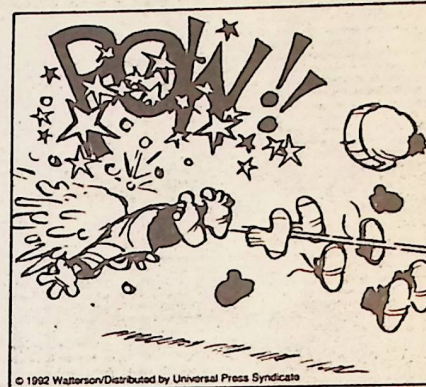
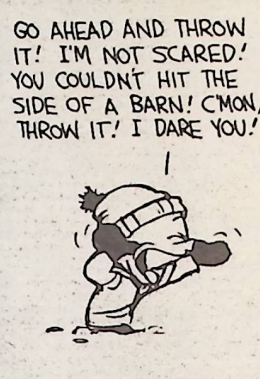
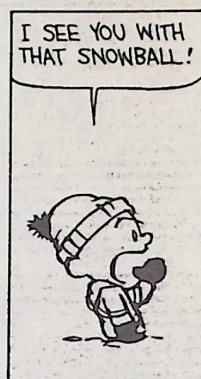
He liked to dance around outside half-naked in a loin cloth with pretty feathers all over him, bells on his ankles and a big knife on his waist.

I'm lucky I can walk.

So, I thought I'd join a U.S. Cavalry reenactment regiment. I asked Dad if CIVILIZATION was romantic? He didn't answer. He's lucky I'm fairly insensitive. I'll bet she'd like the horse.

calvin and Hobbes

by BILL WATKINSON



HELLO, IS THIS THE HARDWARE STORE? YES, I'M WONDERING IF YOU SELL CATAPULTS.



NO?? WELL, I'M LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT CAN DELIVER A 50-POUND PAYLOAD OF SNOW ON A SMALL FEMININE TARGET. CAN YOU SUGGEST SOMETHING?



HELLO?



I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW SOME OF THESE PLACES STAY IN BUSINESS.



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I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE ENOUGH TO DO.

I WON! I DID IT!
I WON!
I WON!



I'M THE CHAMPION! I'M THE BEST THERE IS! I'M THE TOP OF THE HEAP! HA HA HA!

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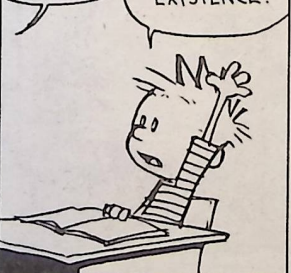


IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT CHAPTER.



I HAVE A QUESTION.

CERTAINLY, CALVIN. WHAT IS IT?



WHAT'S THE POINT OF HUMAN EXISTENCE?

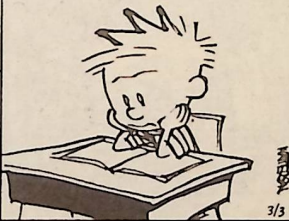
I MEANT ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SUBJECT AT HAND.



OH.

FRANKLY, I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE ISSUE RESOLVED BEFORE I EXPEND ANY MORE ENERGY ON THIS.

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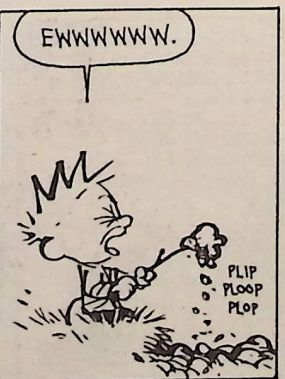


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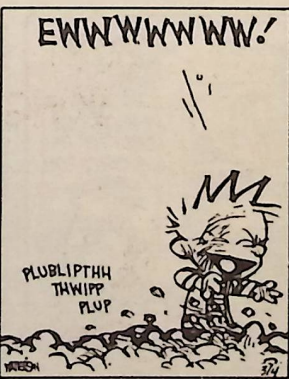
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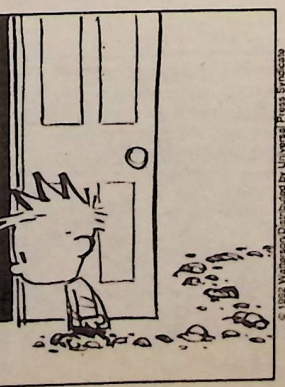
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by Izzy Gesell

A question for those who believe Pete Rose doesn't belong in baseball's Hall of Fame because he is a convicted felon - does James Brown belong in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

I am tired of hearing that we need to keep raising politicians' salaries in order to attract high quality people. It ain't working. I don't see any high quality people. Let's stop throwing good money after bad and cut government salaries in half. There are enough smart, dedicated, unemployed people in this country to fill every House and Senate seat. You can't tell me you won't find good people willing to be politicians for 50 G's a year.

If political salaries must stay high, let's institute a free agent system similar to the one in Major League Baseball. That way, the best public servants from anywhere in the country get to run for any office they chose. If a state legislator in Idaho is doing a damn good job, and we here are fed up with our Congressperson, we should be able to go after the best player available.

Bill Clinton has said "I'm sorry" more times than anyone since Brenda Lee. He is a lot like Dan Quayle. He opens his mouth only to change feet.

I think I understand why Paul Tsongas lobbies hard for the nuclear power industry. Radiation cured him, so it's got to be good for everybody.

Jerry Brown is starting to sound better and better. I admire his grass roots campaign. His posters are on light poles all over town. With time being so tight it's helpful to be able to find a presidential candidate AND a man with a van at the same time. Neither will cost you more than \$100 bucks. A joke making the rounds last time he ran for president: Who is Jerry Brown's choice for vice-president? His inner self.

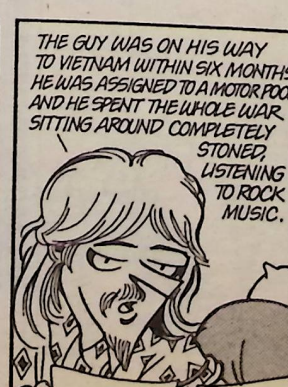
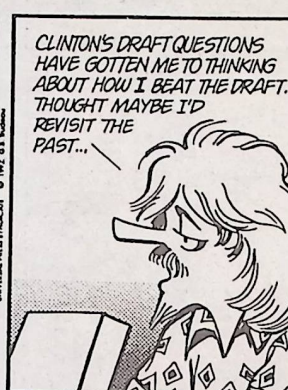
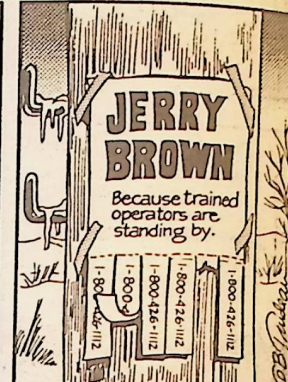
Why are people willing to pay scalpers \$100 to spend one day watching jury selection in the trial of Mike Tyson but refuse to pay \$100 more a year in taxes so their kids could get a better education?

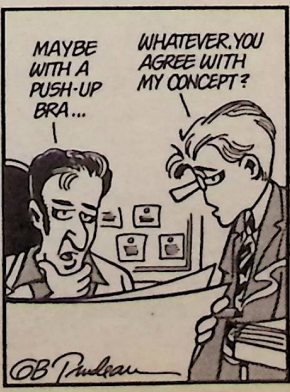
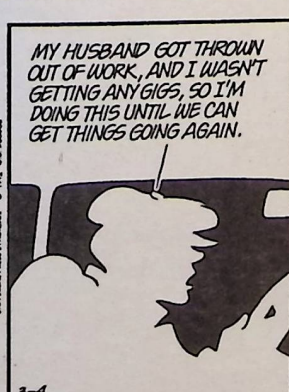
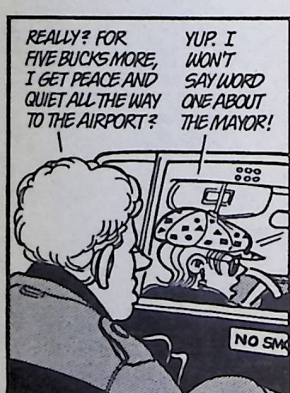
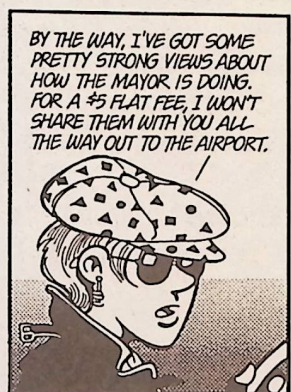
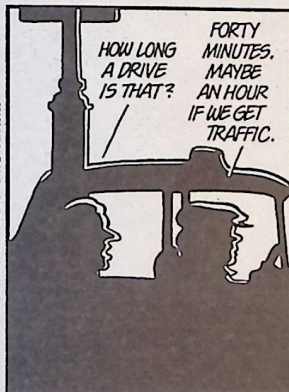
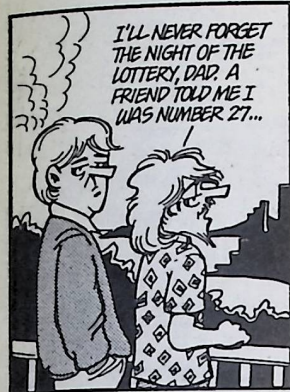
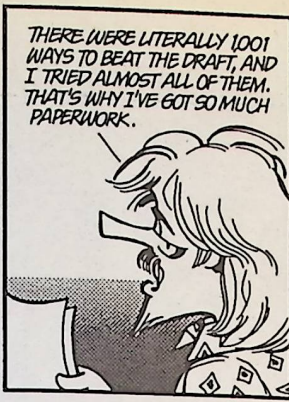
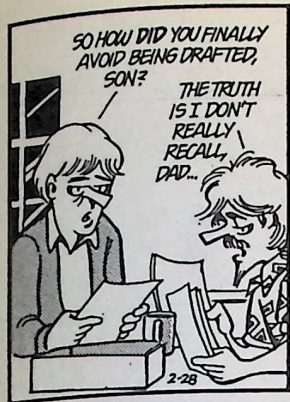
The Grammys are finished as a serious award. This year's nod to Michael Bolton for "When A Man Loves A Woman" is the equivalent of awarding Pat Boone a Grammy for his 1950's cover of "Tutti Frutti." Giving a rap Grammy to Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince proves Rap and Pop have finally fused - into Pap.

The French have conferred a Merit of Honor medal on Sly Stone. He thus joins Jerry Lewis and Mickey Rourke as the 3rd celebrity to receive the American "We Can't Figure Out What The French See In Him" award. Declassified CIA files show the French do this to piss us off. They purposefully look at the people we ridicule and then decide to make them national heroes over there. They don't like Lewis, Rourke or Stallone any better than we do. They just want to prove they don't care what we think. That's because France is a country with high self-esteem. Since America is a country with low self-esteem, the solution to our national malaise is to stop emulating the Japanese and start taking after the French. N'est pas?

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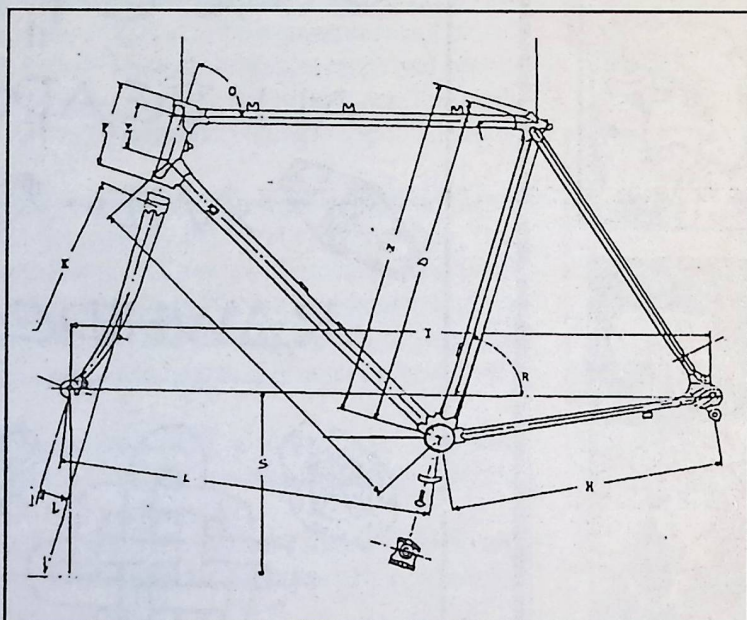
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